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Te Kura o Tīrau

"What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well."

Thursday 12th September 2019

Important Dates:

13th September – Talent Quest Finals at 1:45. - Tirau Contributing Church

19th September – Waikato Gymsports Festival

20th September – Beats By Bingo PTA Fundraiser

25th September – Crazy Hair Mufti Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Please remember that **DOGS ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** unless by prior arrangement.

Week 7 & 8 – Actively Involved The focus will be on being actively involved in the playground by finding sensible games to play, taking turns, including others and sharing equipment. We have seen this in action with the amazing Talent Quest auditions this week.

Week 8 Assembly – No Assembly due to the Talent Quest Final

Week 9 & 10 – Lifelong Learning

Week 10 Assembly – Ruma Kiwi

We are focusing on using all of our school values and our learning in our everyday lives, especially in the playground

LEARNIng AT TIRAU

This week is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori and I have been challenging the students to test my knowledge. I have also been introduced to the app Te Kete Māori which is available from the Apple app store and Google Play, it has a lot of te reo and tikanga with pronunciation to help you improve your own knowledge. Each class has chosen their own focus for the week.

Ruma Tui have been learning some nursery rhymes in Te Reo, labelling parts of the body and some action songs.

Ruma Kiwi will be ako (learning) the Maramataka (months of the year) and our seasons. We will have korero (speak) to each other (mahi toi), art clay modelling for Maui and his fish hook, waiata -a-ringa (actions songs) and hangarau (technology). Nau mai Haere mai and please feel free to join our whanau in Ruma Kiwi for Te wiki o te Reo Māori.

Ruma Kākapō have been looking at the retelling of myths and legends, they have also been learning songs in te reo.

Ruma Kea - This week we have been singing waiata such as Mahunga, Pakihiwi. We have also read local myths and legends such as Uenuku and the Mist Maiden for our shared book. We are also doing kowhaiwhai art.

Ruma Pukeko will be focused on developing and using simple phrases to simple questions asked and learning a new Maori language song.

Ruma Kereru have been learning the Māori for classroom and school objects. We are trying to use these words in Māori rather than English. Once we have mastered this, we intend to put these words into sentences, asking for... or saying this is a ... Hopefully from there our class will be able to do the same with other vocabulary like days of the week and months of the year.

WHANAU HUI

On Thursday 29th August at 7:00pm we held a whanau hui to share information about the upcoming Rongohia te Hau Survey that our students, teachers and families will have a chance to take part in. Andrew Skipworth from Matamata College joined us and spoke about how the surveys have come from the research of esteemed educator Mere Berryman which research into success for Māori began over 30 years ago. One of the key messages in her research was that relationships are crucial for every learner but in particular our Māori learners. In her initial work from a kaupapa māori perspective, the focus on relationships wasn't enough to raise achievement, it has grown and evolved to now be within collaboration with home, school and community and having schools that improve practice through promoting equity, excellence and belonging for all and develop learners who have a strong sense of their own cultural identity. By focusing on these things we will develop the wellbeing of our learners. This survey is done as part of our work in the Matamata Kaahui Ako and looks at a variety of aspects related to the relationships built and how responsive our teaching and learning is. This survey will be conducted for the third time in 2019 and it gives us some great insights into what we are doing well and areas we can improve to ensure equity for all learners and in particular our Māori learners. The links to the whānau survey will be sent out on dojo next week. Please take some time to share your perspectives.

TALENT QUEST

The 2019 Talent Quest heats have been held during lunch times this week and the standard of performance has been extremely high. It has also proved very difficult for the judges to choose the finalists from each of the age groups. We had record numbers of students auditioning and they all showed high levels of preparation and confidence

The final is being held on Friday 13th September at 1:45 in the hall adjoining the Tirau Community Church.

Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Tama-Lameades for organising this.

BEATS BY BINGO FUNDRAISER

On Friday 20th September the PTA are holding their Beats By Bingo night at the Tirau Memorial Hall starting at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30. There will be a bar and lots of raffle and auction items. There will be Eftpos available but it is suggested you also bring along some cash. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available from Christina McGuire – 027 651 5232 or by emailing tiraupta@tirau.school.nz.

AG DAY NOTICES

Please remember to get your entries into the School Office for Ag Day as soon as possible. Mrs Leonard also needs to know of anyone who is entering dogs in the agility course.

As part of Ag Day, children who are not showing animals are able to take part in a competition within their class for a decorated sand saucer and/or a fruit/vegetable creation.

These entries are to be brought to school on the day already assembled.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded in each class, and entries will be on display in the class for viewing.

The way to make a really good job is to try out a few different ideas in the holidays to see what works, and what can be transported easily then bring it along to your class on the second day of Term 4!



Te Reo Māori students have taught Mrs Patterson this week	
Pihikete – biscuit	Tena koe e hoa – Hello my friend
Okō – bowl	Tāina – Toaster
Miraka – Milk	Pukumahi – hard working
Hari - Happy	honu - turtle
Whangaparaoa – Bay of Whales	Rore – road
Penepeita – paintbrush	Waiwaia - Beautiful

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 30th August 2019

Ruma Tui	Adriana	For being a kind friend who can make interesting games to play.	Lizzie	For making a special effort with your writing.
	Indie	For being a positive class member who always perseveres with her learning.	Flynn	For sharing your passion and knowledge about trucks
Ruma Kiwi	Tyson	For displaying manaakitanga every day towards his classmates and the kaupapa! Pai tika Tyson!	Frida	For her thinking time in mathematics and her thoughtful sharing in class. Ka tika!
	Laura	For incredible respect and manaaki in all areas of the school. Kia mau te wehi!	Riley G	For his awesome tikanga and attitude towards his e hoa ma. Pai too ahua!
Ruma Kākāpō	Niary	For exquisite handwriting – you’ve taken control.	Daniel	For being a kind and considerate friend to everyone in our class
	Sophie	For amazing reading – you are on fire!	Koby H	For being a willing helper when someone needs a hand.
Ruma Kea	Cody	For showing the value of excellence in your maths work on addition and subtraction to 1000	Jessie Mae	For working hard on your spelling and moving up a list
	Xi Rui	For showing the value of actively involved by writing her own stories at home to practice her writing.	Logan H	For working hard on understanding and completing your Pr1me maths work.
Ruma Pukeko	Elsa	For being an actively, engaged learner in all areas of her work and quietly challenging herself to grow and learn..	Fleur	For taking pride in her paper plane poster presentation and sharing
	Eli	For helping lead us so we all grow and learn with technology for Scratch and Stop motion	Cooper	For being a helpful, cheerful class member who shares and supports everyone.
Ruma Keruru	Ryan	For working hard on his model and using his values get through the tough times.	Sarah	For working steadily on her model and overcoming challenges along the way.
	Mitchell	For working hard on his model and having to use ALL his tools and values to solve problems along the way.	Thomas	For being so patient with his model over the past 5 weeks and getting everything finished
Ruru Award: Cohen, – For being an inspiring Tirau LEARNer who completed an innovative inquiry in Ruma Keruru				

Ngā mihi nui Siobhan Patterson